



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2022-1161; Airspace Docket No. 22-ASO-18]

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Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Greenville, Spartanburg, and Greer, SC

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class D airspace, Class E surface airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface in the Greenville, Spartanburg, and Greer, SC areas due to the decommissioning of the Fairmont non-directional beacon (NDB) and cancellation of associated approaches into Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport/Simpson Field, as well as updating the airport's name and geographic coordinates. Additionally, this action updates the name, geographic coordinates, and airspace of Greenville Spartanburg International Airport, Greenville Downtown Airport, and Donaldson Field Airport. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, June 15, 2023. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), all comments received, this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at www.regulations.gov using the FAA Docket number. Electronic retrieval help and

guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year.

FAA Order JO 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20591; Telephone: (202) 267-8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: John Fornito, Operations Support Group, Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; Telephone: (404) 305-6364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority, as it amends airspace in Greenville, Spartanburg, and Greer, SC, to support IFR operations in the area.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking for Docket No. FAA-2022-1161 in the *Federal Register* (87 FR 66636, November 4, 2022) to amend Class D airspace, Class E surface airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface in the Greenville, Spartanburg, and Greer, SC areas, as well as

updating the airport's name and geographic coordinates. Additionally, Greenville Spartanburg International Airport, Greenville Downtown Airport, and Donaldson Field Airport each require name and geographic coordinate updates, as well as airspace updates. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Incorporation by Reference

Class D airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000, and Class E airspace designations are published in paragraphs 6002 and 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document amends the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11G, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022. FAA Order JO 7400.11G is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of the document. These amendments will be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11.

FAA Order JO 7400.11G lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by amending Class D airspace, Class E surface airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface in the Greenville, Spartanburg, and Greer, SC area due to the decommissioning of the Fairmont NDB and cancellation of associated approaches into Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport/Simpson Field (formerly Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport). The Class D airspace for Greenville Spartanburg International Airport is increased to 4.5 miles (previously 4.4 miles), and the geographic coordinates are updated to coincide with the FAA's database. This action also removes the southwest extension of the Class E surface airspace for Spartanburg Downtown

Memorial Airport/Simpson Field due to the cancellation of the NDB approaches and updates the airport's name and geographic coordinates to coincide with the FAA's database, and removes the city name from airspace header per order FAA 7400.2. Additionally, this action also updates the airport names of the following airports: Greenville Spartanburg International Airport (formerly Greenville-Spartanburg Airport) and Donaldson Field Airport (formerly Donaldson Center Airport), as well as the geographic coordinates of both airports. Finally, this action replaces the outdated terms Airport/Facility Directory with the term Chart Supplement and Notice to Airmen with the term Notice to Air Missions in the airspace descriptions.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5a.

This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71 -DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order JO 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace.

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ASO SC D Greenville, SC [Amended]

Greenville Downtown Airport, SC
(Lat 34°50'53"N, long 82°21'00"W)
Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport
(Lat 34°53'44"N, long 82°13'08"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,500 feet MSL within a 4.5-mile radius of Greenville Downtown Airport, excluding that airspace within the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, Class C airspace area. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific days and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective days and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

ASO SC D Greenville Donaldson Field Airport, SC [Amended]

Greenville, Donaldson Field Airport, SC
(Lat 34°45'30"N, long 82°22'35"W)
Greenville Downtown Airport
(Lat 34°50'53"N, long 82°21'00"W)
Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport

(Lat 34°53'44"N, long 82°13'08"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,500 feet MSL within a 4.2-mile radius of Donaldson Field Airport, excluding that airspace within the Greenville Downtown Airport Class D airspace area and excluding that airspace within the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport Class C airspace area. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6002. Class E Surface Airspace.

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ASO SC E2 Greer, Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, SC [Amended]
Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, SC
(Lat 34°53'44"N, long 82°13'08"W)

That airspace extending upwards from the surface within a 5-mile radius of the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

ASO SC E2 Spartanburg, SC [Amended]
Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport/Simpson Field, SC
(Lat 34°54'59"N, long 81°57'21"W)
Spartanburg VORTAC
(Lat 35°02'01"N, long 81°55'37"W)

That airspace extending upwards from the surface within a 4.3-mile radius of Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport/Simpson Field and within 1.8 miles each side of Spartanburg VORTAC 192° radial, extending from the 4.3-mile radius to the VORTAC, excluding the portion within the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, SC, Class C airspace area. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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ASO SC E5 Greenville, SC [Amended]
Greenville Downtown Airport, SC
(Lat 34°50'53" N, long 82°21'00" W)
Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport
(Lat 34°53'44" N, long 82°13'08" W)

Donaldson Field Airport
(Lat 34°45'30" N, long 82°22'35" W)
DYANA NDB
(Lat 34°41'28" N, long 82°26'37" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 9.3-mile radius of Greenville Downtown Airport, and within a 10-mile radius of Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, and within a 6.7-mile radius of Donaldson Field Airport and within 4 miles northwest and 8 miles southeast of the 224° bearing from the DYANA NDB extending from the 6.7-mile radius to 16 miles southwest of Donaldson Field Airport.

ASO SC E5 Spartanburg, SC
Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport/Simpson Field, SC
(Lat 34°54'59"N, long 81°57'21"W)
Spartanburg VORTAC
(Lat 35°02'01"N, long 81°55'37"W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport/Simpson Field and within 3.1 miles each side of Spartanburg VORTAC 012° radial, extending from the 7-mile radius to 7 miles north of the VORTAC and within 2 miles each side of Spartanburg localizer southwest course, extending from the 7-mile radius to 15.1 miles south of the VORTAC.

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